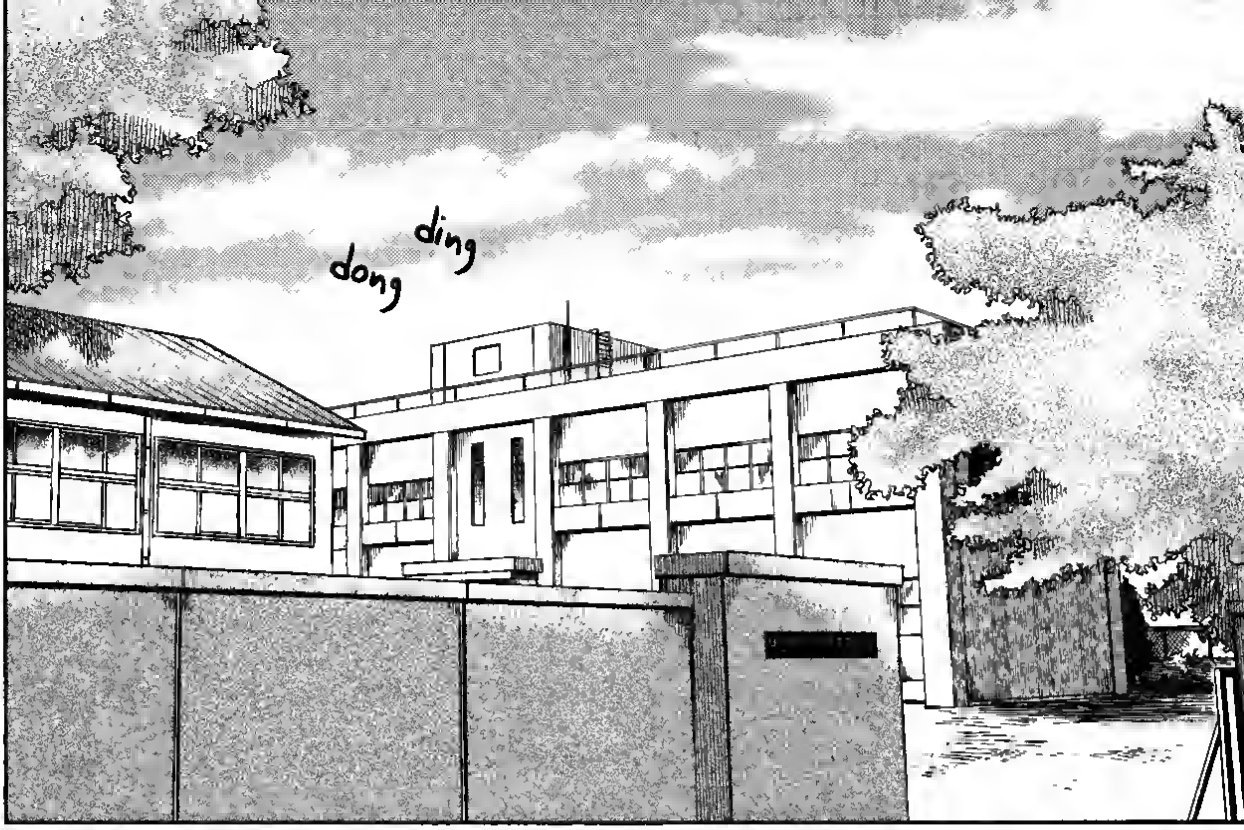
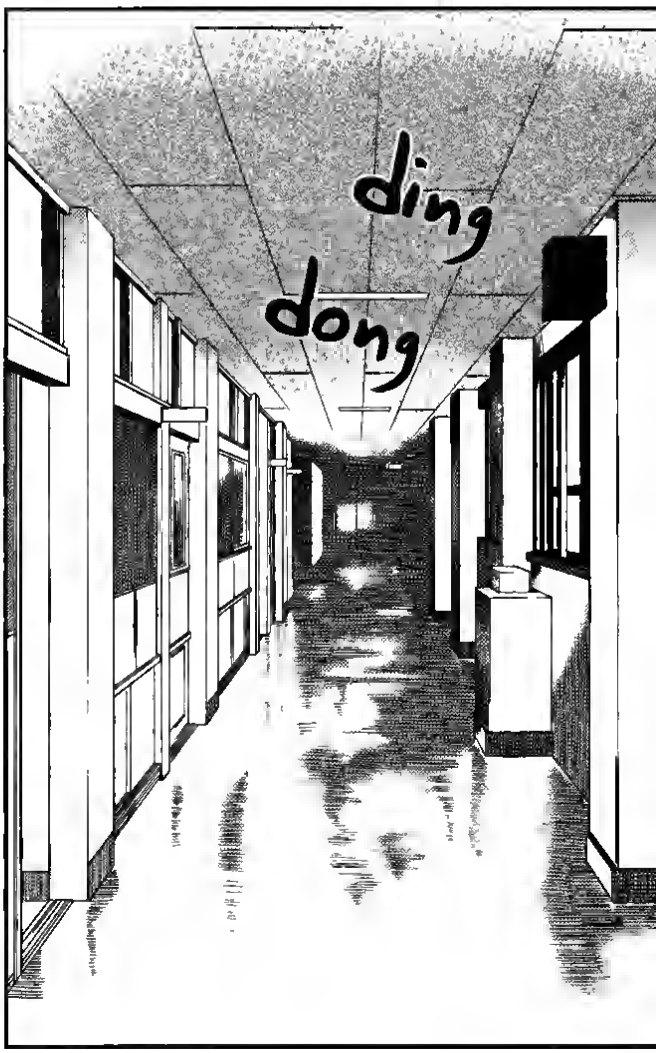
CHAPTER 2
STOMP
STOMP
RIKO-CHAAN
chirp
chirp
IT'S MOR-
...ning.
Zzz...

Zz...
Zzz...
Ri
Riko-chan?
...
roll
FUTON
BOOM
Uhuu
If you don't wake up, I'll assault you~
SHAKE
SHAKE
If...
What's with this posture
WOBBLE
rise...
Ah,
You're awake?
KYA
!?
tweet tweet

CHAPTER 2: OPENING CEREMONY AND IRUKA


ding
dong

2-A
chatter
chatter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dong

Good morning, ladies.
SILENCE!
SLAM

It's a fresh start for you second years.
As you should all know, today is a new semester.

2 - A
She seems like a deep person...
Very good.
Okaday
Have fun, but make sure you don't get hurt.

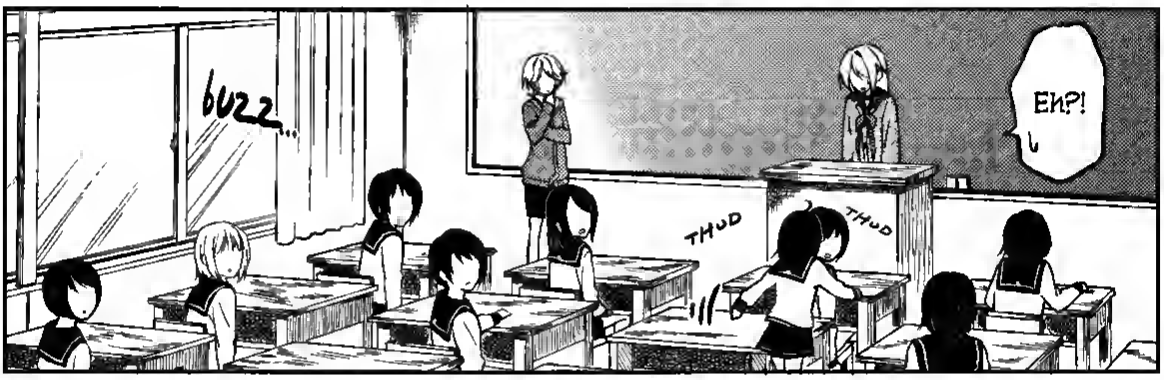
Okay.
Come in, Kurosaki!

Ooh!
Now then!
Starting today, a new comrade shall be joining us!

RAINBOW BATTLE
Ooh...
Twinkle
Swish
Kyaa!
RIKO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO CUUTE♡
Geh! Haru-chan
It might be a bit sudden, but please introduce yourself.
Ah, okay.
Chatter chatter
Such long legs!
Chatter
She's so pretty!
Kya kya
Wow!
Chatter

...Please take good care of me.
BOW
AHEM
Um...
I'm Kurosaki Riko. I just moved here from Tokyo.
silence.....
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
CLATTER
THAT'S IIIIIT?!!

I'll continue Riko-chan's introduction!
whoosh
FINE, THEN!


buzz...
THUD
THUD
Eh?!

WHAM
First, look at how beautiful she is!
Amazing, right?!
But she's terrifying in the morning.
Her posture too
WHY DO YOU KNOW THAT?!
dimly

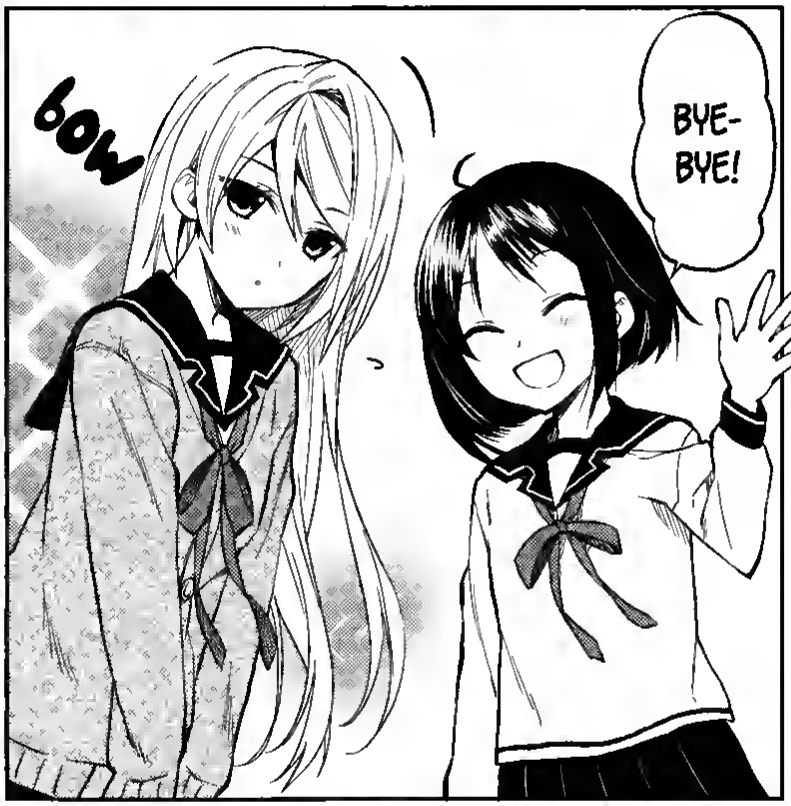
?
Haa...
What are you talking about?
EH?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?!
YOU ASSAULTED ME THIS MORNING, DIDN'T YOU?!!
Here, see...
GRAB
YOUR KISS MARK!
Hiee! DETAILS ABOUT THE MORNING
Chomp
SAKURADA!
freeze
mugyu!
CHATTER
Eeh?
What's this about?!
...
WH-WHA ?!
I didn't know you had such a daring side♡
Kya~

WHY?!
Good!
Inter-esting.
Please continue!
grin...
Ow
Sensei...
FWIP
AND, SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST:
RIGHT NOW, RIKO-CHAN AND I
ARE CO-HABITING!
DON'T SAY THAT!!
We're just living in the same house!
PEACE
ピース
pfft
Shut up!
That was a sharp tsukkomi, Riko-chan
REJECTED!!
screech
So from now on, call us husband and wife♡

WHY ARE YOU BLUSH-ING NOW ?!
It's official, you're part of the class now ♡
Tee-hee
Congratulations!
HA HA HA HA HA
CLAP
Wow!
I wish you two the best of luck!
How silly-
AH HA HA HA HA
WA HA HA HA HA
Eh, Er?
AH HA HA HA HA
HARU!
ding dong

Ah!
Mari-senpai!
Hiro-senpai!

OOH...


bow
BYE-BYE!

Everyone we've met so far has been greeting you...
She's so cute
Kya
Kya
Is she the transfer student?!

It seemed like everyone on the way to school knew you, though.
It's the countryside, after all!
Hmm
Is that so?
It's because this school doesn't have that many students.
Just how popular are you?
Fight!
Oou!
One, Two, Three, Four
STRIKE!!!
Yup.
Even though our school's pretty small, we put a lot of effort into our club activities!
That's the softball club
Let's see what you got, batter
wah!
Hmm?
So club activities have already started?
wah!

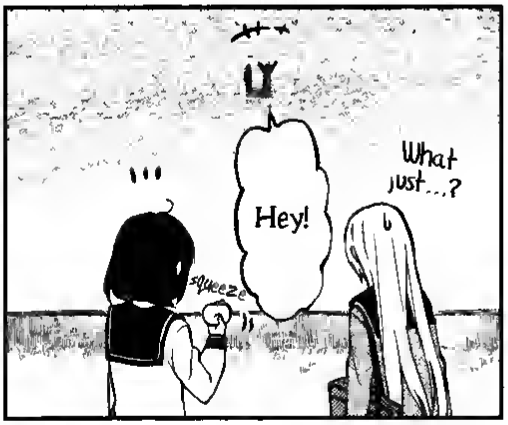
Huh...
Hey,
which club are you in, Haru-chan?
FREEZE
Club activities...?
Can I really introduce you to my club?!
BA-DUM BA-DUM
Sure...
So, which club is it?
WHAT?!
twirl
OOH?!

splash
?
?
Dol-
phin...
club?
The
Irukawa
Public
Relations
Club,
aka
"The
Iruka
club"!
We search
for notable
places in
Irukawa and
tell people
about
them,
and we
volunteer in
helping out
the towns-
people.
It's a club
to revitalize
this town!
The
Iruka
club!

You seemed like the athletic type...
Nothing, just...
Since you're stupidly energetic.
Heh
Really?
Eeh? How?
That's a bit surprising...
but we're still a great club! We have a long history of supporting this town!
Well, we may be a bit plain compared to the sports clubs.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT!
>_<
What's with that?
Pfft
strike
wow!
Someday, the future of this town will rest with me, the club president...
fufufu...

CATCH
Kya!
UWA?!
HARU!
BOUNCE
EH?

Here, here!


Hey!
squeeze
What just...?

Are they the senpai from before?
spin
spin
Get ready!

Take...
THIS!!
WHOOSH

Yeah!

WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU FOR THE UPCOMING GAME, TOO!
AMAZING, HARU!
Nice ball!!

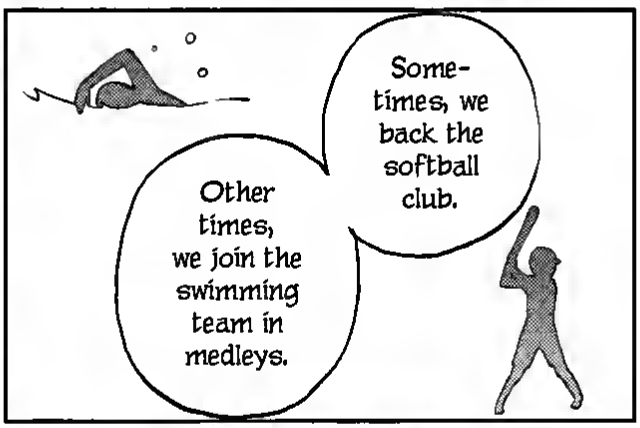
catch
Ooh!

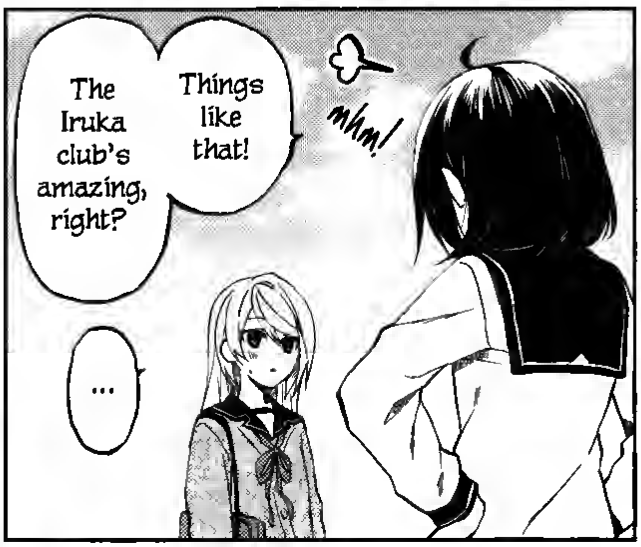
Leave it to me!
oooo!
clench
dazed...

The Iruka club also helps out the whole school.
Aah

What were you guys talking about just now?

Yeah...
It is...
but

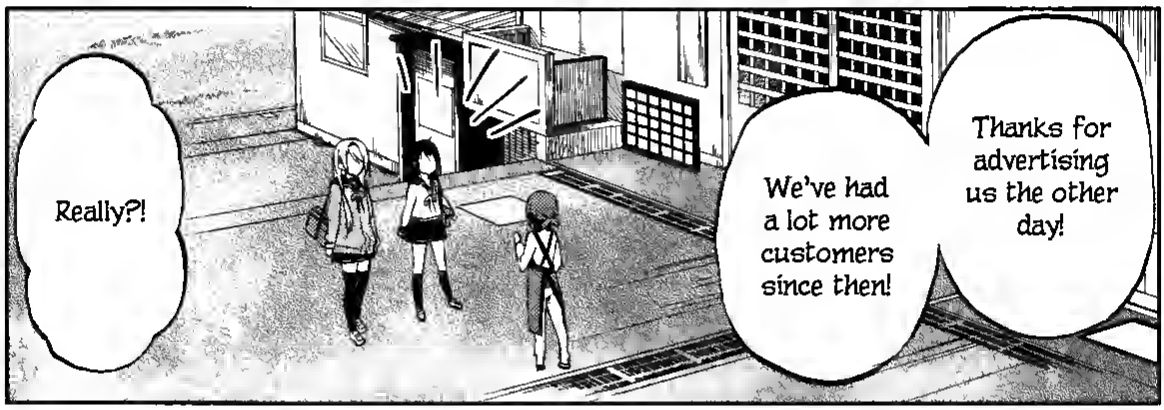

Sometimes, we back the softball club.
Other times, we join the swimming team in medleys.


The Iruka club's amazing, right?
Things like that!
mhm!
...

Can we drop by somewhere on the way home?
Sing
You, on the other hand...
I KNOW RIGHT?!
Hm?
Hey, hey, Riko-chan!
...Sure, but,
Eh?
It's a secret!
Where?

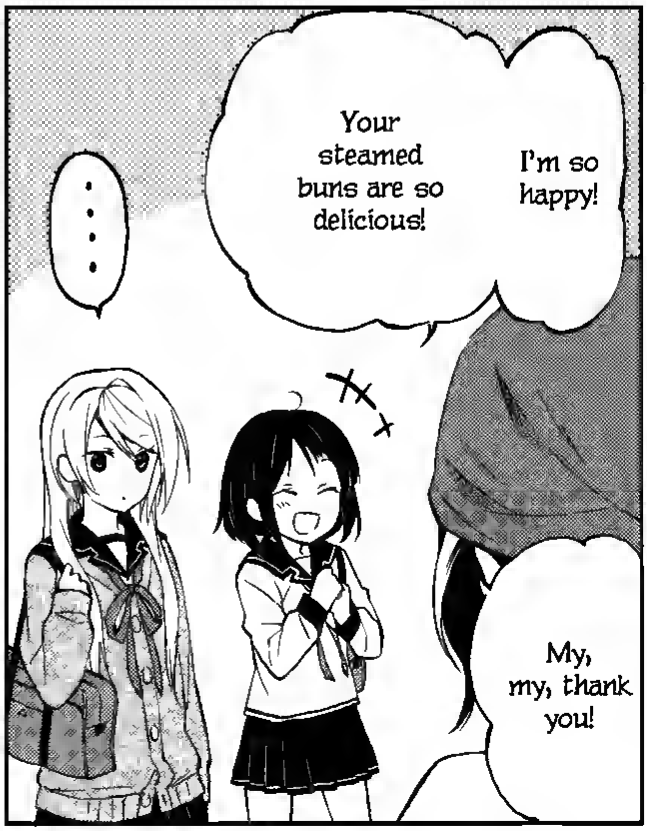
Cheap sweets & toys
Suzuya
IRUKA

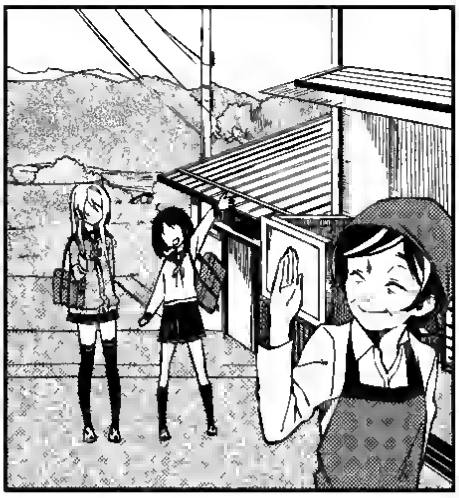
The flower shop lady!
Ah!
Haru-chan!


Really?!
We've had a lot more customers since then!
Thanks for advertising us the other day!

RUSTLE
Here, fresh steamed buns for your hot spring!

Be sure to share it with your friends, okay?
Smile

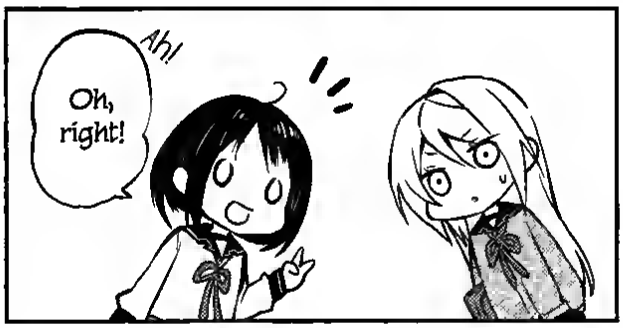

Your steamed buns are so delicious!
I'm so happy!
My, my, thank you!

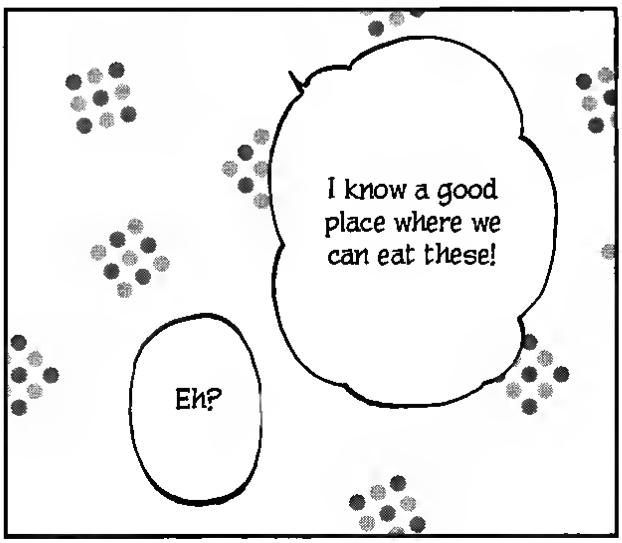


Ah... Thank you very much.
Yay!
Can I?!

Side benefits, you know~?
You really are popular.

LET'S GO! LET'S GO!
Waah!
Stop running

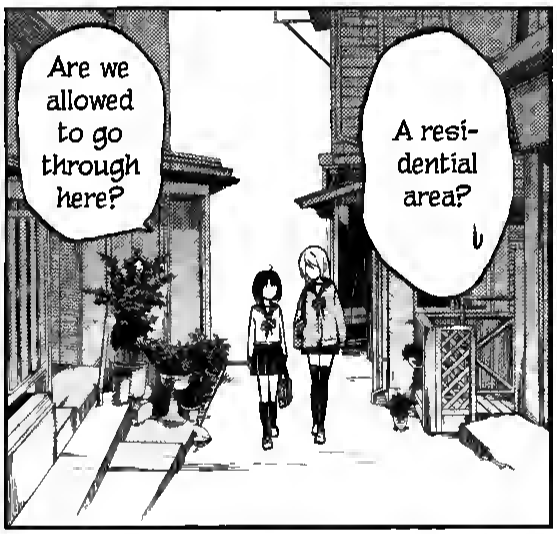

Ah!
Oh, right!

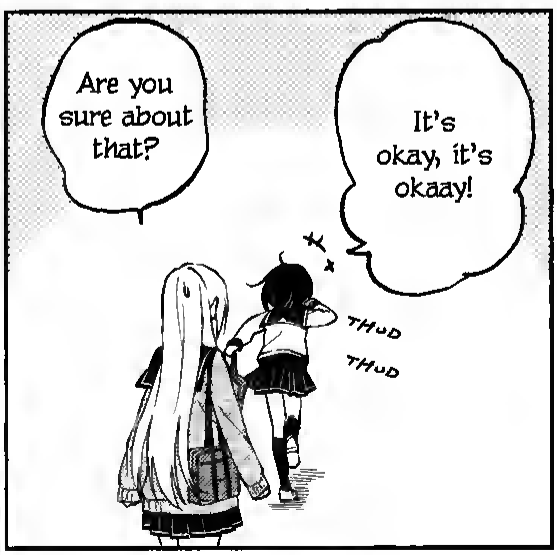

I know a good place where we can eat these!
Eh?

We'll go through here!

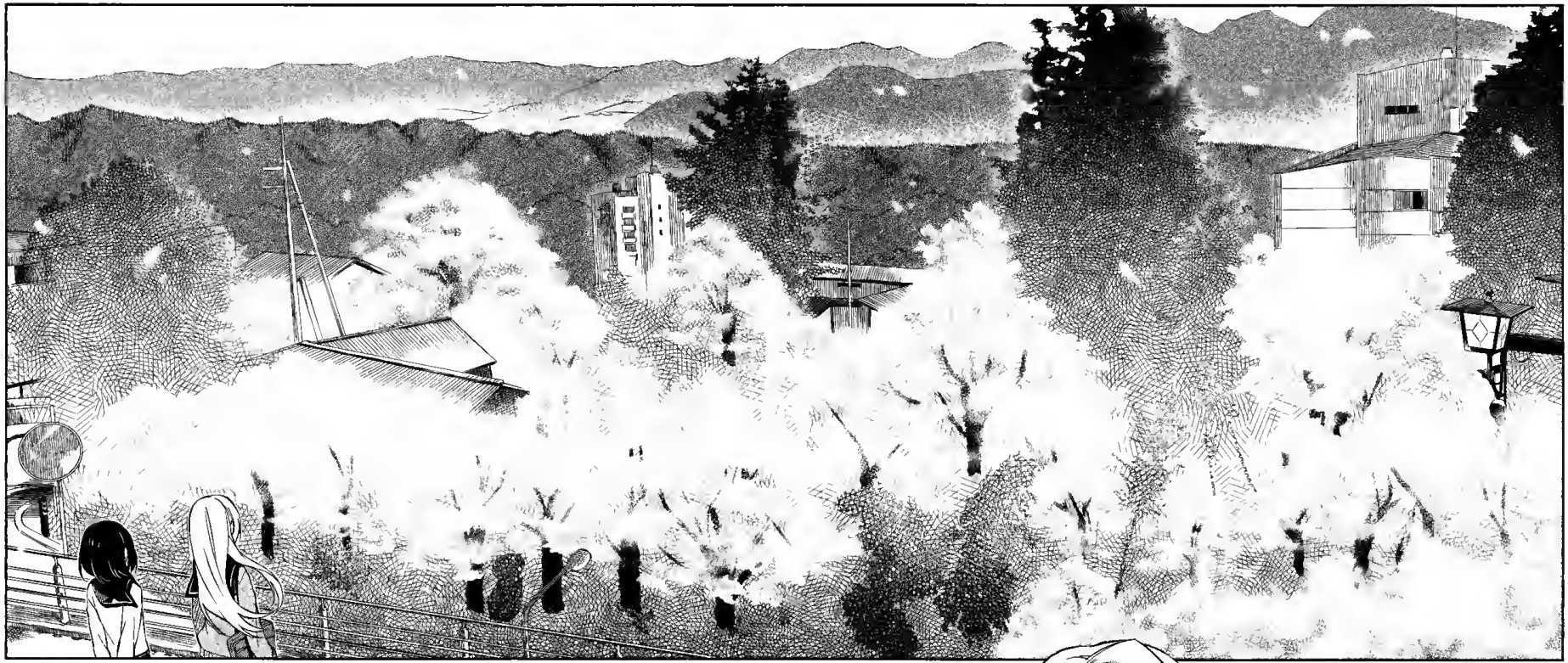
I said it's okay!
SO THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA!
I got some tea~♪

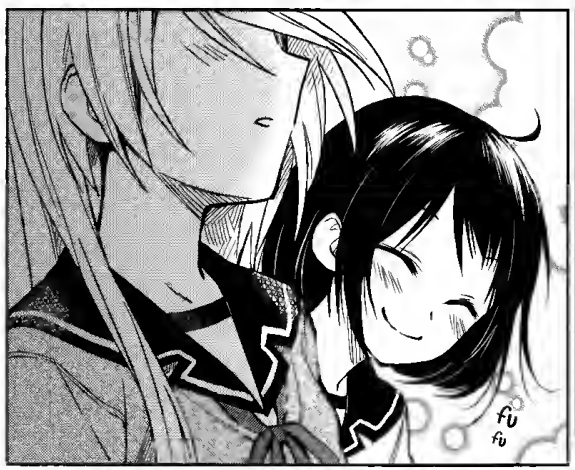
Ooh, Haru-chan!
Ah


Are we allowed to go through here?
A residential area?


Are you sure about that?
It's okay, it's okaay!
THUD
THUD

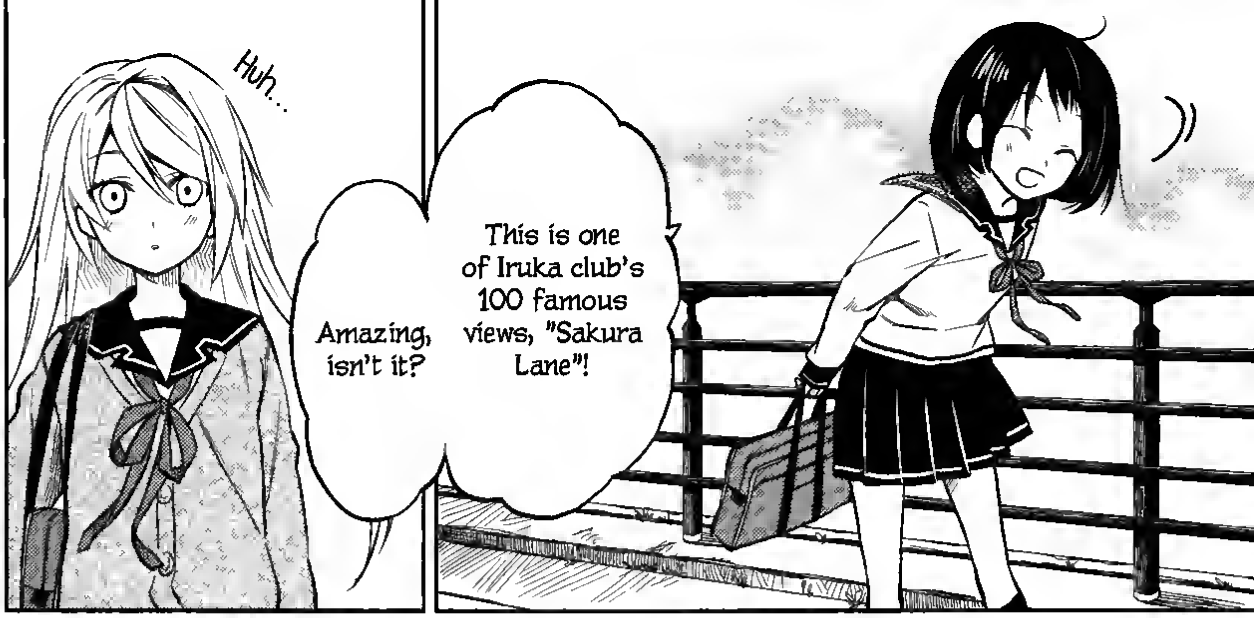
...And
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE?! IT'S SO NARROW!
It's just wide enough for one person!
Why do I have to...
Crab walking
Woosh




fu
fu

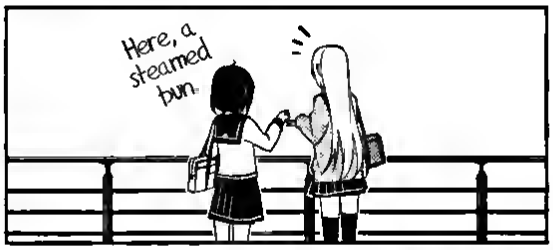
mumble
It's so pretty.

Wow...

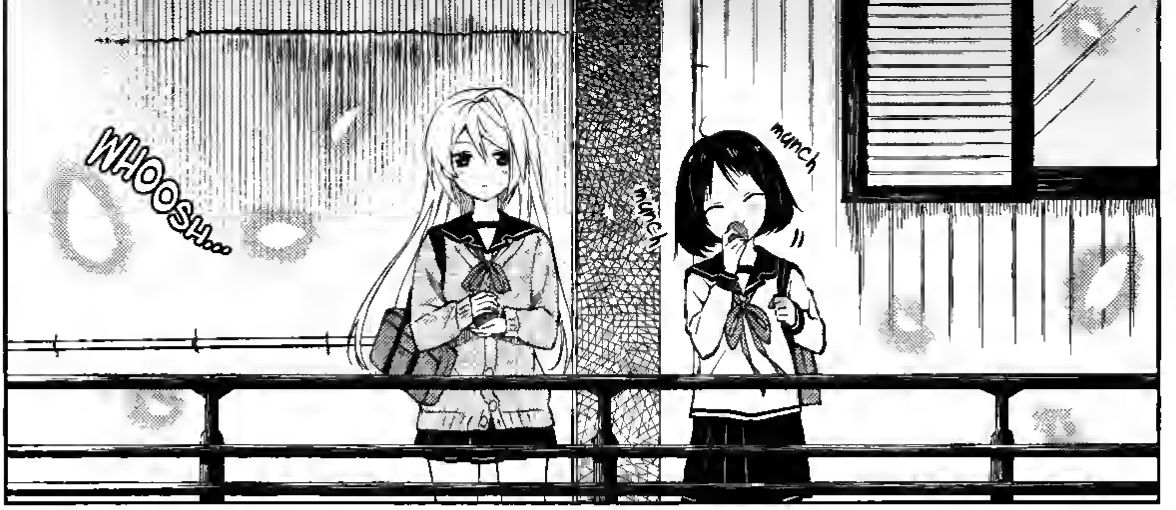

Huh...
Amazing, isn't it?
This is one of Iruka club's 100 famous views, "Sakura Lane"!

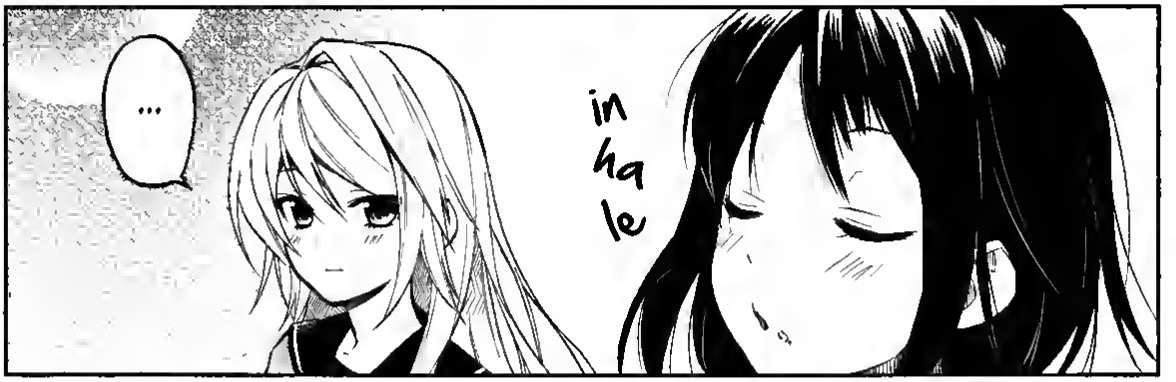
What's with that?
Although we don't actually have a hundred places.
tee hee
rustle
or a secret hot spring that only the townspeople know about!
Yup! Like this hidden flower viewing spot that you can only see during this season,
You even decided on your own 100 famous views?

...
Since you finally moved here,
I want you to know about all the good parts of Irukawa!

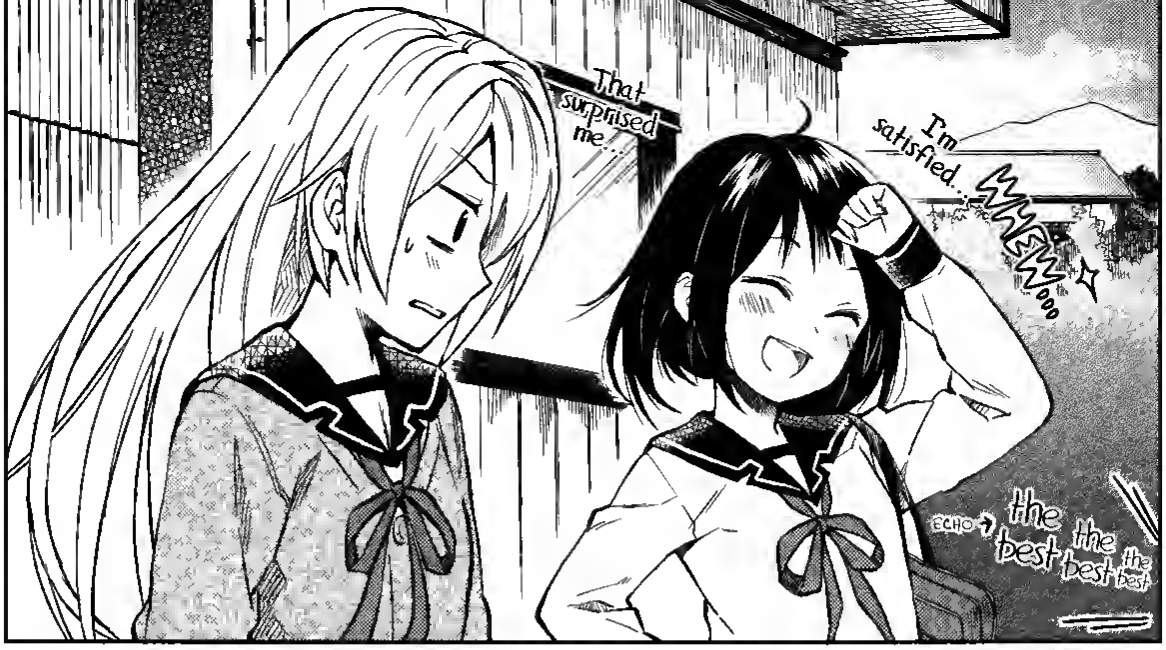

Here, a steamed bun.

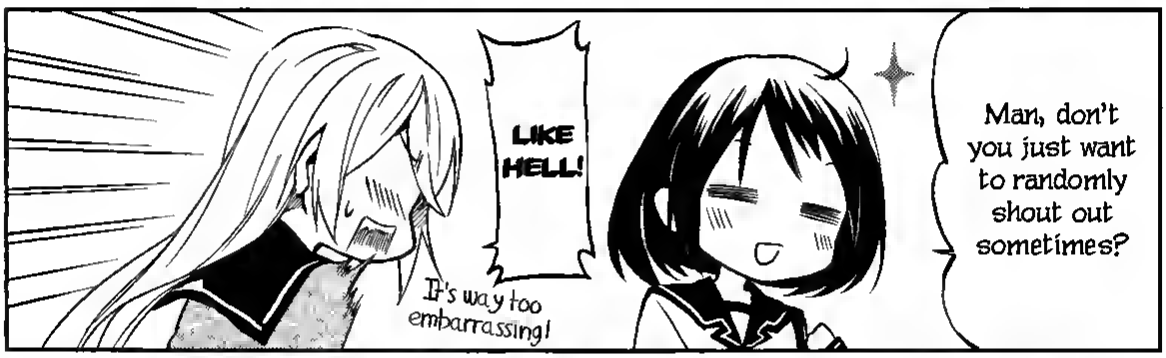
That's why we dropped by so many places.
I wanted to introduce you to the Iruka club, Riko-chan.
Actually,


WHOOSH...
munch
munch


...
inhale

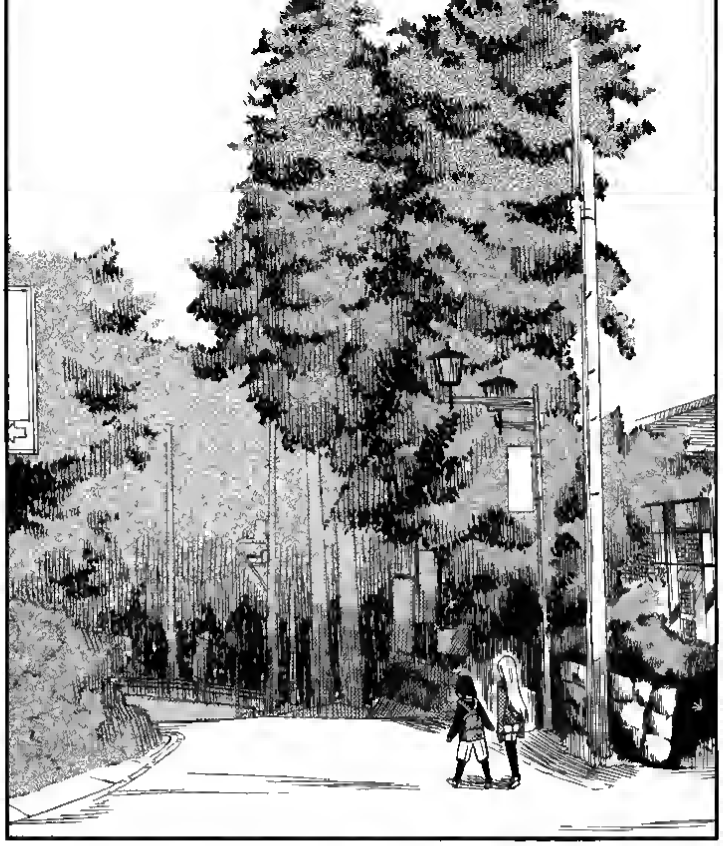
IRU-KAWA IS THE BEST !!!
Startle


That surprised me...
I'm satisfied...
Woo
ECHO the the the the best best best


Man, don't you just want to randomly shout out sometimes?
LIKE HELL!
It's way too embarrassing!

Eeh, no way!
Of course it is...
...It's delicious!
I know, right?
ah ha ha ha
bite

I'm baack!
Wanna go to a hot spring?
Riikoo-chan!
knock knock knock
But this one's a famous hot spring. It's one of Iruka club's 100 famous views.
Of course.
...Don't we have one here?
...Sure.
Your word..?
Okay?
GRIN
Take my word for it!



We're off~!
rattle
rattle

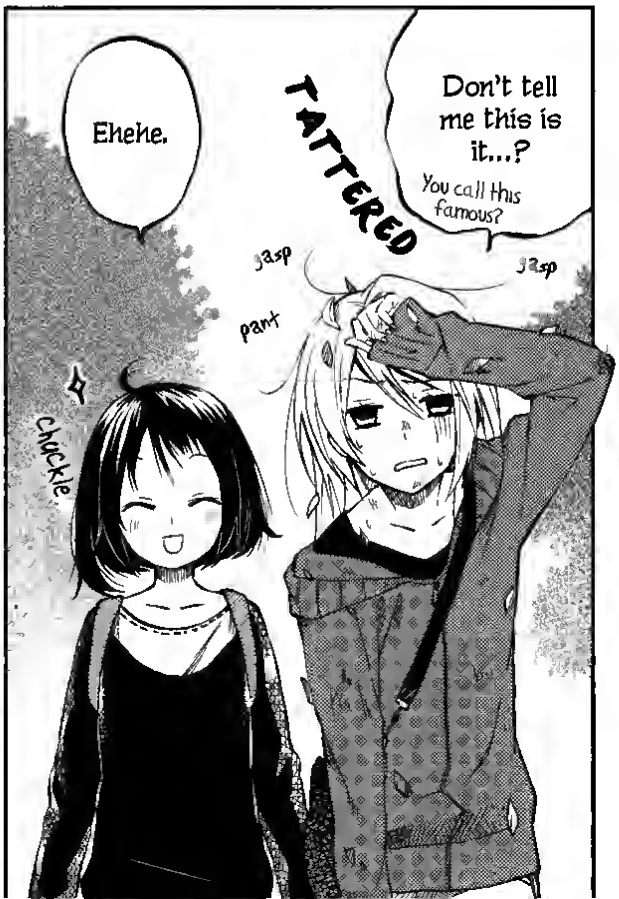
Be careful!
Sei!
Sei!

gyaa!!
squeal

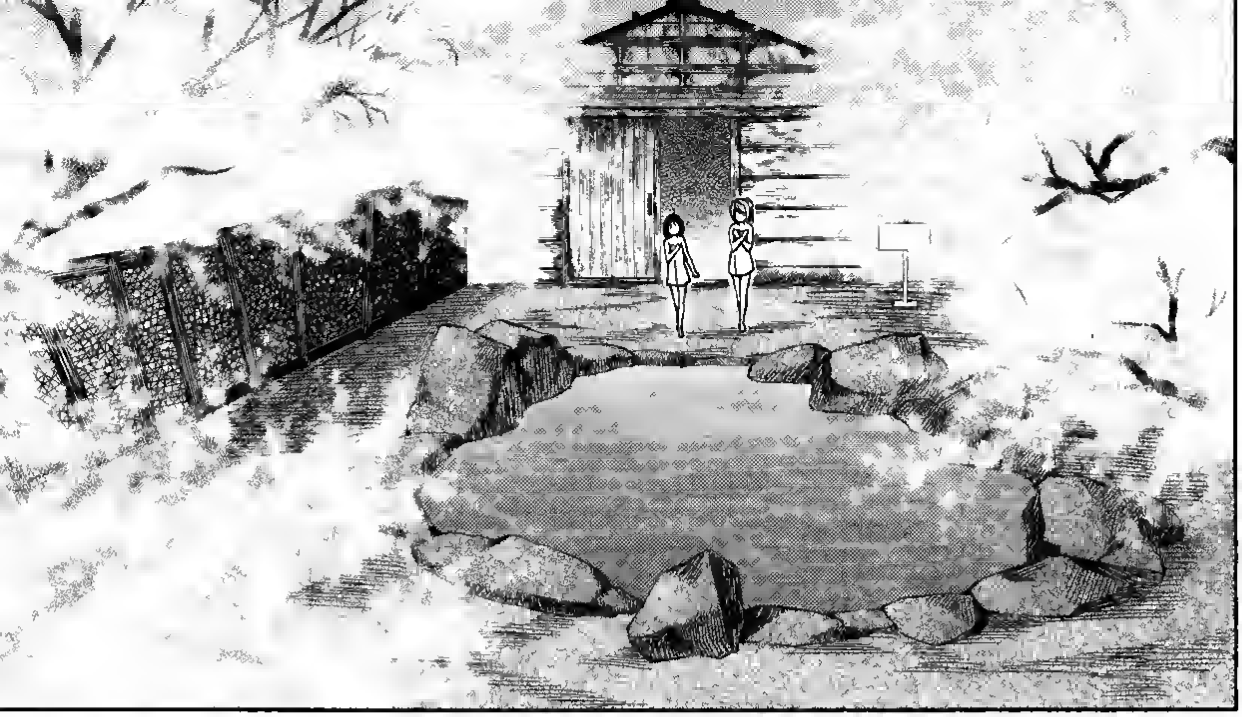
It's a mountain trail from here on.
WHY?!
gloooom

Gloomy
秘湯
森湯
HIDDEN FOREST HOT SPRING

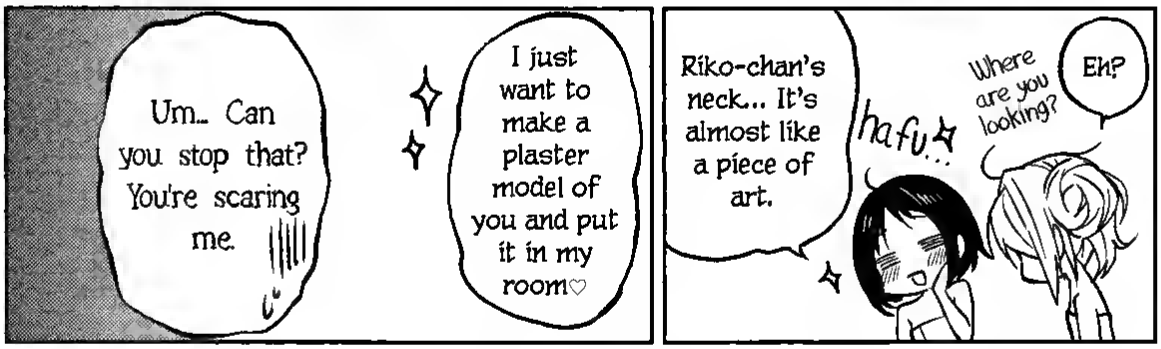
It's all right, take my word for it!
It's so worn out...
creak...


Don't tell me this is it...?
You call this famous?
TATTERED
Ehehe.
pant
pant
chuckle

Don't worry, don't worry!
This bath house is putrid...
And there's no one else here...
IT'S OPEN!
rattle
PULL
Huh? It's stuck...
Is this place... really all right?



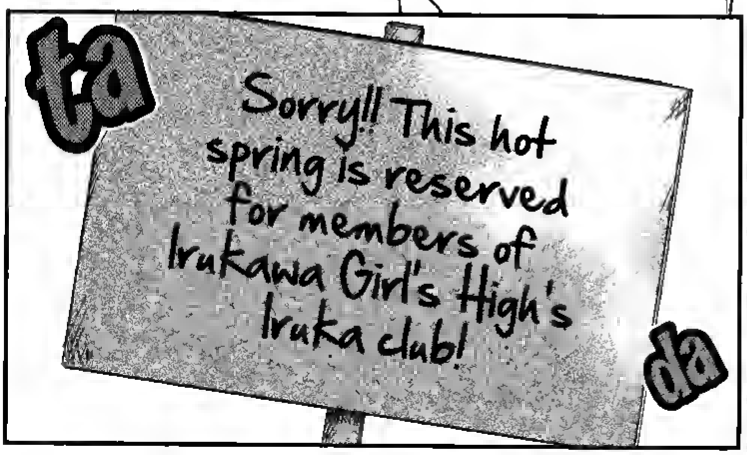
So pretty...
The sakura
Wow...


Um... Can you stop that? You're scaring me.
I just want to make a plaster model of you and put it in my room♡
Riko-chan's neck... It's almost like a piece of art.
hafu...
Where are you looking?
Eh?

Are you an idiot?
IS GONE ?!
Ah, gah!
Because your kiss mark...
fufu
HAA?!
Geez~
DON'T BE SO COLD! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DARING SIDE?

Eh?
fwip
STOP RIGHT THERE!
dip...
splash
Now then...

Thi-
This spring is reserved for elected members...
Actually, only Iruka club members are allowed to go in here.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Sorry!! This hot spring is reserved for members of Irukawa Girl's High's Iruka club!
da

L-LOOK AT THIS!
...What are you bringing up all of a sudden?
Smack

You...
At all!!
SO YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED IN, RIKO-CHAN!

Uu...
Riko-chan, can't you join the Iruka club?
...
PLEASE, RIKO-CHAN!
...!
AH, GEEZ!
Oh, fine!
I'll join the Iruka club!
REALLY?!
YOU'RE SERI-OUS?!
Yeah, yeah, I'm serious...
KYA-HOO!
boing
Eh?

SPLASH
WAH!
SWIIK...
Ehe hehe.
Now we're in the same club!
Please take care of me, club president.
Okay!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
I got too worked up about it... I'm a bit embarrassed...
Couldn't you just invite me normally?
...Yesterday.
Well? When'd you put up that sign?

Riko & Haru & Irukawa Hot Springs

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